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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF ISRAELI IMMIGRATION MINISTER IN AUSTRIAN
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1. SOCIALIST PARTY ARBEITER-ZEITUNG OCTOBER 14 CARRIED
INTERVIEW BY ITS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN ISRAEL,
BARBARA COUDENHOVE-KALERGI, WITH ISRAELI IMMIGRATION
MINISTER PELED QUOTING PELED AS "BEING HOPEFUL THAT JEWISH
AGENCY TOGETHER WITH AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES WILL FIND WAY TO
MAKE TRANSIT THROUGH AUSTRIA OF SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRES AS
QUICK AND AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE EVEN WITHOUT SCHOENAU
(TRANSIT CAMP)".

2. INTERVIEW REPORTED THAT ISRAELIS WERE MOST CONCERNED
OVER FACT THAT SCHOENAU DECISION COULD BE INTERPRETED
AS VICTORY FOR ARAB TERRORISM AND THAT IT COULD LEAD TO
OTHER GOVERNMENTS MAKING POLITICAL CONCESSIONS TO
FEYADEEN. AS CONCERN PRACTICAL QUESTION OF SOVIET JEWISH
EMIGRES, INTERVIEW SAID "ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAD IN INTER-
VENING PERIOD COME TO CONCLUSION THAT AUSTRIANS WERE
ENERGETICALLY SEEKING TO FIND ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE TO
SCHOENAU." PELED SAID HE COULD NOT AT THIS JUNCTURE
INDICATE WHAT FORM THE ALTERNATIVE MIGHT TAKE.
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